



## FRIENDSHIP

This Read Together Kit contains stories that are fun to share with one or many children. Combine these stories with any of the suggested songs and rhymes to create a family-themed storytime.

### Titles in this kit include:

Toddler and older:

- *Little Bitty Friends* by Elizabeth McPike
- *Roar!* by Tammi Sauer

Preschool and older:

- *Janine and the Field Day Finish* by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
- *Life Without Nico* by Andrea Maturana
- *Rain!* by Linda Ashman
- *Sam & Eva* by Debbie Ridpath Ohi

### Early Learning Ideas:

- Discussing stories is a great way to develop language skills. You can start a discussion by asking a child “how are they friends to each other in this book?”
- Children need background knowledge, which is knowledge about the world, in order to later understand what they read. Background knowledge includes thinking skills like problem solving and predicting. When you share stories with a child that include age appropriate conflict it helps them to expand their knowledge of how situations can be resolved.
- One kind of play is to act out stories. Having young children move as they are recreating a story helps them to better understand the story and be able to share it back to you.

We would appreciate your feedback on these Read Together Kits  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReadTogetherKit>



### Storytime Songs and Rhymes:

Will You Meet a Friend of Mine? (tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Will you meet a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine?

Will you meet a friend of mine, my friend's name is \_\_\_\_\_

My Hands Wave Hello

My hands wave hello, my hands wave hello,

Every time I see my friends

My hands wave hello!

My face makes a smile, my face makes a smile,

Every time I see my friends

My face makes a smile!

My fingers blow a kiss, my fingers blow a kiss,

Every time I see my friends

My fingers blow a kiss!

Watch a video of this movement: <https://kcls.org/content/my-hands-wave-hello/>

I Put My Hands Together

I put my hands together,

This is how I start

I curve my fingers right around,

And I can make a heart!

Watch a video of this movement: go to the Jbrary YouTube channel and search for "I Put My Hands Together"

Uno dos tres amigos (Spanish)

Uno, dos, tres amigos

Cuatro, cinco, seis amigos

Siete, ocho, nueve amigos

Diez amigos son.